

# Savannah River Site

## Transuranic and Solid Waste Program Update

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Waste Management Committee  
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# Purpose

- 1) **Provide Update CAB on the SRS Transuranic (TRU) Waste Program and Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP)**
- 2) **Provide general disposal understanding for other Solid Waste streams**
- 3) **To fulfill 2012 Work Plan topic**



# Solid Waste Disposition Program

**Manage the Treatment, Storage and Disposal of:**

- **Hazardous Waste (HW),**
- **Radioactive Low Level Waste (LLW),**
- **Transuranic Waste (TRU),**
- **Radioactive Mixed Low Level Waste (MLLW),**  
**and**
- **Sanitary Waste**



# Low Level Waste Program

- Waste generated from SRS operations, D&D, and Environmental Cleanup
- No legacy waste in storage
- On-site Disposal Facility



LLW Disposal Trench



LLW Disposal Trench



# Mixed Low Level Waste and Hazardous Waste Program

- Generated from SRS operations, legacy TRU waste (MLLW), and Environmental Cleanup
- Off site Disposal Facilities only



MLLW waste boxes



# TRU Waste Disposal Program

- Generated from SRS operations since 1970
- Off-site Disposal at the WIPP
- 11,600 cubic meters legacy TRU waste inventory in 2002
- Some off-site received in 2003 through 2005
- Numerous CAB Recommendations and strong CAB support over the years that has contributed to the program success



# TRU Waste Disposal Success

- WIPP opened in 1999
- First SRS shipment to WIPP May 8, 2001
- Effective regulatory framework strategy with South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
- 1,285 shipments of TRU waste have been disposed at WIPP
- Approximately 2,700 cubic meters of legacy and newly generated TRU waste at SRS today
- Repackaging and/or remediating in four facilities and shipping at 4 trucks per week



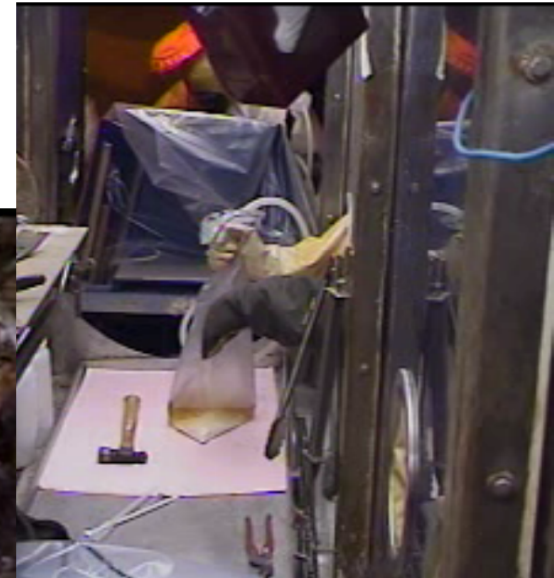
# Drum Remediation – F Canyon



Aerosol cans



Visual Examination of Waste



Containerized  
Liquids



# Box Remediation – H Canyon



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Four pictures of various waste inside large boxes



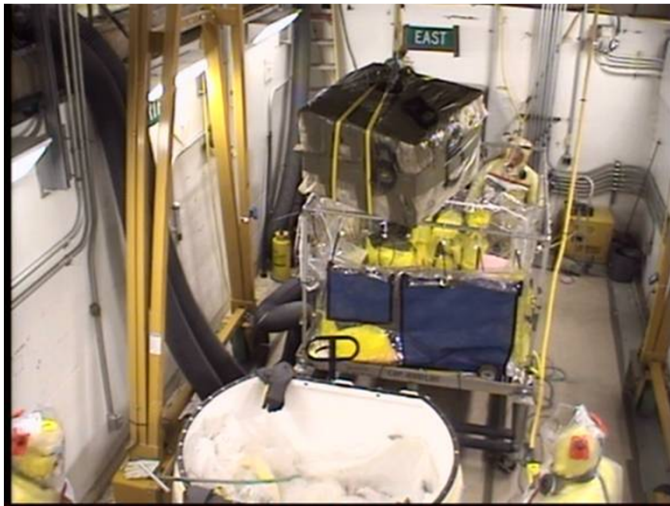
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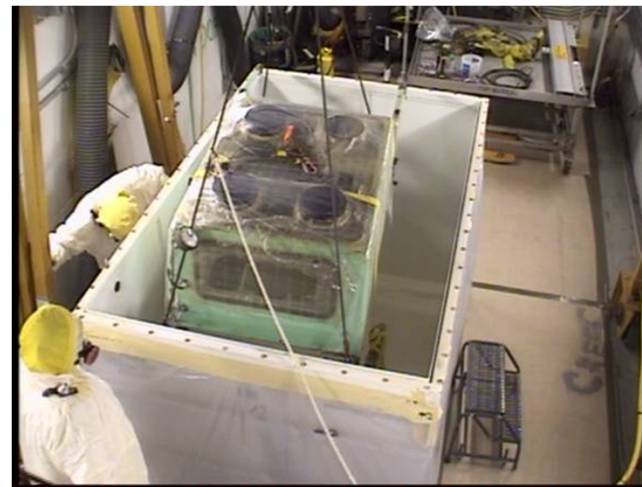
Glove bag operation



Ten Drum Overpack



Glove bag operation



Glove box



# Box Remediation – Cell 11



Waste in large box



Waste in large box



X-ray Monitor



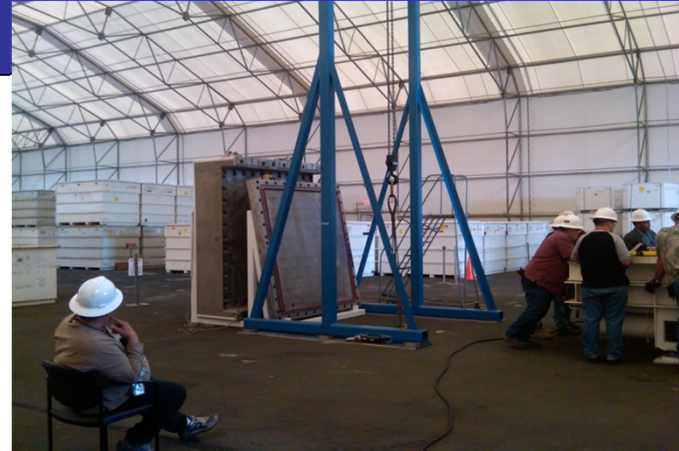
X-ray Turn Table



# TRUPACT-III Loading



Truck coming in bay



TRUPACT-III doors on rack



Back of TRUPACT\_III and loading platform



Waste box on platform



# Legacy TRU Waste Remaining

- Legacy TRU Inventory – 2,500 cubic meters
  - Last 5,200 cubic meters funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
  - ~800 cubic meters left to remediate/repackage
  - Remediation completed by 12/30/12
  - WIPP Characterization/certification completed by March 2013
  - Shipments to WIPP completed by summer 2013



# Summary

- Solid Waste Operations are regulatory compliant and efficient.
- Ongoing Low-Level, Mixed and Hazardous Waste operations keeping pace with SRS demands
- Legacy TRU waste disposition on pace to complete by March 2013.

